

I have become aware of a decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to coerce their radio stations to air a "smear" anti-Kerry documentary days before the upcoming election. I consider this a violation of FCC rules and a clear example of the dangers associated with the recent trend toward massive media consolidation in this country.

Since by law Sinclair is allowed to use our public airwaves free of charge ONLY if they show clearly that they are serving the public interest, I challenge you to take them to task on this clear violation of the terms of that privilege. When large companies like Sinclair begin to dominate and actually control the radio airwaves, we American citizens are barred from receiving what's ESSENTIAL for our Democracy. When what we get instead is only that which fills the pockets of Sinclair's stockholders, the insult is truly complete.

It is very important that we Americans see real people from our own communities and substantive news about our own regional and local issues that matters to us. And it is CRITICAL that our news not be suddenly limited only to that which has been "SEALED and APPROVED" by remote control from mega-media giants with an "AXE TO GRIND!"

I want you to know that I consider this evidence of malignant bias a VERY clear and present danger indeed to all hopes for the continued Democratic experiment in this country! Sinclair's actions indicate to me how crucial it is that we strengthen the FCC's media ownership rules. And in the future I expect to see the FCC apply severe LIMITS to what a dangerous company like Sinclair may be allowed to do with their airwave access PRIVILEGES.

As the citizen for whom they were created, I consider that these privileges to ANY and ALL BROADCASTERS come from me directly and personally. In fact, they do.

So let me cut to the chase. You exist for the purpose of providing the necessary controls and sanctions when a company like Sinclair attempts to seize American airways in this unconscionable manner!

So do your job! Or I'll get someone else to do it.

Thank you.